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BILL NYE'S RESIGN.

The following is the only exact copy of Bill Nye's official letter in which he resigned the post office at Laramie City, W. T.:

POST OFFICE DIVISION,
LARAMIE CITY, Oct. 1, 1883.
To the President of the United States:

Sir—I beg leave at this time to officially tender my resignation as postmaster at this place and in due form to deliver the great seal and key to the front door of the office. The safe combination is set on the numbers 33, 66 and 99, though I do not remember at this moment which comes first, or how many times you revolve the knob, or which direction you should turn it at first in order to make it operate.

There is some mining stock in my private drawer in the safe, which I have not yet removed. This stock you may have, if you desire it. It is a luxury, but you may have it. I have decided to keep a horse instead of this mining stock. The horse may not be so pretty, but it will cost less to keep him.

You will find the postal cards that have not been used under the distributing table, and the coal down in the cellar. If the stove draws too hard close the damper in the pipe, and shut the general delivery window.

Looking over my stony and eventful administration as postmaster here I find abundant cause for thanksgiving. At the time I came up to the duties of my office the department was not yet on a paying basis. Since that time, with the active co-operation of the chief executive and the heads of the department, I have been able to make our postal system a paying one, and on top of that I am now able to reduce the tariff on average-sized letters from three cents to two. I might add that this is rather too good, but I will not say anything that might seem undignified in an official resignation which is to become a matter of history.

Through all the vicissitudes of a tempestuous term of office I have safely passed. I am able to turn over the office to-day in a highly improved condition, and to present a purified and renovated institution to my successor.

Acting under the advice of General Hutton a year ago, I removed the feather bed with which my predecessor, Deacon Hayford, had bolstered up his administration by stuffing the window, and substituted glass. Finding nothing in the book of instructions to postmasters which made the feather bed a part of my official duties, I filed it away in an obscure place and burned it in effigy, also, in the gloaming. This act maddened my predecessor to such a degree that he then and there became a candidate for justice of the peace on the Democratic ticket. The Democratic party was able, however, with what aid it secured from the Republicans, to plow the old man under to a great degree.

It was not long after I had taken my official oath before an era of unexampled prosperity opened for the American people. The price of beef rose to a remarkable altitude, and other vegetables commanded a good figure and a ready market. We then began to make active preparations for the introduction of the strawberry, roan two-cent stamps, and the black-and-tan postal note. One reform has crowded upon the heels of another until the country is to-day upon the foam crested wave of a permanent prosperity.

Mr. President, I cannot close this letter without thanking yourself and the heads of the departments at Washington for your active, cheery and prompt cooperation in these matters. You can do as you see fit, of course, about incorporating this idea into your Thanksgiving proclamation, but rest assured it would not be ill-timed or inopportune. It is not alone a credit to myself. It reflects credit upon the administration also.

I need not say that I herewith transmit my resignation with great sorrow and genuine regret. We have toiled on together month after month asking for no reward except the innate consciousness of rectitude and the salary was fixed by law. Now we are to separate. Here the roads seem to fork, as it were, and you and I and the cabinet must leave each other at this point.

You will find the key under the door mat, and you had better turn the cat out at night when you close the office. If she does not go readily you can make it clearer to her mind by throwing the canceling stamp at her.

If Deacon Hayford does not pay up his box rent, you might as well put his mail in the general delivery, and when Bob Head gets drunk and insists on a letter from one of his wives every day in the week, you can salute him through the box delivery with an old Queen Anne tomahawk which you will find near the Etruscan water pail. This will not in any manner surprise either of these parties.

Tears are unavailing. I once more become a private citizen, clothed only with the right to read such postal cards as may be addressed to me personally, and to curse the inefficiency of the postoffice department. I may be in error as to the attributes of an American citizen, but I believe the above to be the most prominent. I believe the voting class to be divided into two parties, viz.: those who are in the postal service and those who are mad because they cannot receive a registered letter every fifteen minutes of each day, including Sunday.

Mr. President, as an official of this government I now retire. My term of office would not expire until 1886. I must therefore beg pardon for my eccentricity in resigning. It will be best, perhaps, to keep the heart-breaking news from the ears of European powers until the dangers of a financial panic are fully past. Then hand it broadcast with a sickening thud.

Very respectfully yours,
BILL NYE.

Non-Resident and Alien Land Grabbers.

The rapid concentration of land into the hands of a few, in the new States and Territories will before very long be a great obstacle in the way of their future prosperity, besides a great injustice to the landless working man. However we may differ in reference to the question of fee-simple titles in land, agrarianism or monopoly, no right thinking man can fail to see the bad policy of allowing the titles of land to pass into the hands of the few. The land is the only source of sustenance, directly and indirectly for human beings. For this reason many very able writers have denied the right of any government, monarchical or republican, to convey fee-simple titles absolute to any lands. Whatever doubt we may have on that proposition there can be no doubt that there should be a limit placed to the ownership of lands in large quantities either by individuals or corporations.

It is infinitely safer and more just to permit monopoly in anything and everything else than lands. Human beings, without money, without railroads, without anything but muscle, can wrest a livelihood from mother earth. But when the ownership and control of land has passed into the hands of monopolists the average citizen, without capital, is reduced to a condition of penury. He is at the mercy of the owners of the soil.

Not only have we alienated vast amounts of land to railroad corporations, but now foreign syndicates are being formed and are buying up immense tracts of land. It is as if we had given away our lands to our own citizens, this permitting alien capital to come here and speculate in our lands. If the present system of fee-simple titles in land is to continue, at least should be some regulation to prevent foreign residents acquiring title to our lands. The owner of the soil should be a citizen on the soil.

Indeed there should be some means adopted to prevent the ownership by any man or firm of any large amount of land.

We have been so prodigal of our public lands that within the next generation there will be no chance for the enterprising worker to obtain any interest in the soil except by purchase at second hands, and at largely increased prices.

Wise statesmanship looks not only to the interests of to-day, but the well-being and natural rights of the millions to come after us.

There are just as vital and pressing questions of politics demanding solution to-day and in the near future as any which have agitated the public mind in the past, not even excepting the one of slavery. We cannot shrink our responsibility in these matters without endangering the peace of the future any more than our forefathers did in reference to that "sum of all villainies"—chattel slavery.

The right time to solve knotty questions and abate evils, is before they attain colossal proportions. If postponed too long, nothing but convulsion and revolution will do the work.

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MAIL TRAIN.
LEAVE PORTLAND, 9:00 A. M. (Corvallis, 4:50 P. M.
Corvallis, 8:30 A. M. Portland, 3:20 P. M.)
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